

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അപ്പോഴാണ് രണ്ടോ മൂന്നോ ദിവസം ഗമനാഗമനത്തിന് കുറെ അസൗകര്യമുണ്ടെന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു്.

Reversion of Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai as District Registrar.

349. MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the reason why Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai, who was holding independent charge of the office of the Director of Registration, was reverted to the post of District Registrar;

(b) the period for which he was in independent charge;

(c) whether during the said period the Government found him to be unfit for the post;

(d) the period for which he had served in the Department; and

(e) whether the Government are aware of an interpellation in a former session of the Council, regarding the injustice of not confirming the said individual as the Director of Registration?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Because Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar, a senior officer, was appointed as Director of Registration.

(b) From the 16th Medam 1106 to the 5th Medam 1107.

(c) No.

(d) Except for a short period from the 10th Makaram to the end of Kumbham 1083, during which he was the Head Clerk of the Marumak-kathayam Committee's office, Mr. Padmanabha Pillai has been in the Registration Department from the 6th Mithunam 1081 up till now.

(e) Government are aware that an interpellation was asked by Mr. Joseph Kunju at the session of the Legislative Council held on the 14th Medam 1107 on the subject of confirming Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai as Director of Registration.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know whether it was because Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar was a senior officer in the Department of Registration that he was promoted as the head of the department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he did not belong to the Registration Department at all before he was appointed there. Therefore, no question of seniority arises.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know why the claims of Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai, the senior officer of the department, were overlooked?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government considered it necessary to appoint Mr. T. K. Madhavan Nayar as Director of Registration and therefore Mr. Padmanabha Pillai had to revert.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is not Mr. Padmanabha Pillai the senior officer in the Registration Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not investigated that.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Have not the claims of Mr. Padmanabha Pillai been brought to the notice of the Council and of the Government on a former occasion also?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot recollect that exactly.

Results of the V. S. L. C. Examination, 1107.

350. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of passes in the Vernacular School Leaving Certificate Examination for 1107;

(b) why there are many failures;

(c) whether the Inspecting Officer or the Director has suggested any remedial measures for this state of affairs; and

(d) if they have, what they are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) 27.6.

(b) The percentage of failures this year is more or less the same as in recent years.

(c) No.

(d) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (c) above.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): May I know What the opinion of Government is in regard to the percentage of passes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It would have been much better if a better percentage had been secured.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Have the Government tried to secure a better percentage?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The teachers and the students, and everybody concerned, are trying to get a better percentage.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): The answer to part (b) is "The percentage of failures this year is more or less the same as in recent years." Yet the Government have not thought it necessary to enquire into the matter.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have thought it necessary to enquire into the matter.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Will they be pleased to conduct an enquiry into the reasons for the large number of failures?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government will ask the Director to look into the matter.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): I wish to know whether that is an answer to my question? I wanted to know the reason why there are many failures. The answer given is that there are many failures because there are many failures. Is that an answer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The reason is that the candidates who appeared did not do well. So, they failed.

MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Parur*): Was it due to the inefficiency of the teachers or to the high standard of the examiners?